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Food is good enough but scarcely adequate.

A free hour on Sundays is given to students from time to time.

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The "Auto Jedinica" (Auto Unit) Automobile School is located about 2 kilometers from Skoplje on the highway to Kumanovo. The school is in a single five-story barracks. The commanding officer is a captain in the Automobile Corps. The political commissar is a captain. There are 10 to 12 first lieutenants, second lieutenants, and officer candidates. The school is organized like a battalion with four companies of three platoons each, composed of three squadrons. The school has about 350 soldiers, 300 of whom are students and 50 senior effectives [graduates not yet assigned?]. Each company has 70 to 80 students.

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Students are chosen by the authorities, the subject for study being taken into consideration rather than the individual's preference.

The school has about 100 motor vehicles, five of which are Italian scout cars of unidentified type. The others include three to four OM trucks, and 3-ton Ford, Dodge, three-seat GMC, and Mercedes trucks. About 70 percent of these are in working order.

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Students are equipped with ordinary Yugoslav repeating rifles.

The daily schedule is as follows: awake at 0400 hours, physical education under the direction of a noncommissioned officer from 0400 to 0430, personal cleanliness and room cleanup from 0430 to 0500, cleaning of weapons from 0500 to 0630, automobile instruction from 0630 to 1200, first mess at 1200, rest period from 1200 to 1500, political instruction from 1500 to 1800, second mess at 1800, political instruction 1830 to 2030, and personal cleanliness from 2030 to 2100.

The daily bread ration is 300 grams of inferior bread. Morning and evening, the first course is composed of a vegetable minestrone soup, pasta, and beans. The meat ration is distributed five times a week only for the first meal and in very small quantities. Wine and fruit are never distributed.

Students sleep in iron double beds, each supplied with a straw mattress, two sheets, two coverlets, and a horsehair bolster. Each company has one sleeping room.

The course is for 6 months. Instruction is given by company officers who take turns teaching. Instruction is in theory for the first 4 months, and in theory and practice for the last 2 months. At the end of the course, students have to take a final examination in automobile theory and practice given by their officer instructors.

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[redacted] graduating students are often assigned to units of a different specialty than their original units.

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The school is located in a lecture hall in which most of the lessons are given. The lecture hall has a 3-ton Dodge engine on a frame; the principal parts of a 3-ton Dodge truck, including the transmission, clutch, transmission shaft, differential, chassis, steering box, axle shaft, etc; and about 20 charts on how the various parts of a 3-ton Dodge, Ford, Bianchi, and Chevrolet truck function. There are also an illustrated sectional chart and the various parts of an Italian-type motorcycle in the hall, but students are not instructed in these.

Lessons in automotive theory concentrate on the principal parts of a motor vehicle and their operation: the chassis, body, suspension, axles, wheels (grip, convergence, and pressure), gas engine (pistons, cylinders, piston pins, head, shaft, eccentric shaft, distribution chain, flywheel, oil pan, etc.), transmission gear, friction clutch, flexible coupling, transmission shaft, differential casing, axle shaft, flywheel housing of the steering wheel, electric installation (battery, distributor), cooling system, and lubrication. Road regulations, road signals, and speed limits for driving in column formation are also taught.

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Political instruction is given by a staff sergeant to the student body assembled en masse. Lectures are customarily devoted to exalting Tito's government and the Yugoslav Armed Forces.

The commanding officer of the 1st Company, of which the source was a member, is 2d Lt Josip Kamp. [redacted] is an instructor of little ability. Other officers of this company are a first lieutenant and a second lieutenant, both of whom are platoon commanders and automobile instructors. (Note: It is unusual for the commanding officer of a company to be a second lieutenant while a first lieutenant commands a platoon. [redacted])

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The noncommissioned officers are a staff sergeant, who is the commanding officer of a platoon, and two sergeants, who are squadron leaders and assigned to disciplining the students.

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About 500 young men are enrolled in the apprentice school operated by the military industry in Lovran. Some soldiers and civilian teachers are among those enrolled. They are all quartered in a former artillery barracks. This information is given to affirm that no troops are stationed in the Lovran barracks.

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